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one group might take such a problem as this—"Why is albumin in the urine a bad sign?" Another group might choose—"Why is it that in some kidney diseases the patient is given a great deal of water, while in others, no water is given?" Still another problem might be—"Trace the excretion of waste through the kidney." There are always some students in the class who like to draw and make diagrams. A good project for them would be to make a large diagram of the kidney showing microscopical structure. The students could be given a week to work out their problems and at the end of that time they would present them to the class. This would be an added incentive for them to do the work well. In each of the problems mentioned above, the structure and function of the kidney would be learned, but a drill lesson might be advisable to make sure of gathering up any loose ends.

9. The method makes the work elastic. It gives the bright, ambitious students enough to do, for they can work the problems out in great detail. It is more easily grasped by the less capable students because the close correlation of theory to concrete cases makes it easily understood and remembered.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE ON TUBERCULOSIS

The Mississippi Valley Conference on Tuberculosis was held in Duluth, Minnesota, September 2 and 3. There were 325 delegates from out of town, including about fifty nurses from six states. Anna Drake, State Supervising Nurse for Iowa, was chairman of the Nursing Section, in which several short and interesting addresses were made. The special topic for the nurses' luncheon was "Recruiting of Nurses," where the suggestion was made that it is better to send a laywoman who is an interested, able speaker, than a nurse who might leave a poor impression behind her, no matter how excellent her nursing career had been. The State Association of Iowa won the silver cup offered for the largest number of Health Crusaders completing the final tournament, which indicates that the fifteen weeks' training has been concluded. The St. Louis County Sanitarium at Nopeming, Minnesota, displayed an exhibit of patients' work that brought forth a great deal of deserved praise, for the articles were excellently made and covered a fairly wide range.

The following resolution was adopted by the Nurses' Section:

"Whereas, nurses' training schools in past years have given comparatively little training in tuberculosis, and

"Whereas, tuberculosis is the greatest preventable disease problem of modern times, and

"Whereas, nurses entering the profession, do so out of a desire to be of the most service to humankind, therefore be it

"Resolved that the Mississippi Valley Conference on tuberculosis hereby urges all accredited training schools for nurses to provide, if possible, for all student nurses to spend a number of weeks of their training course in a well conducted tuberculosis sanatorium or, if that be for any reason impracticable, that a special course in tuberculosis be given all student nurses.

"Be it further resolved that we call to the attention of all young women who wish to render special service to mankind, that the nursing profession offers unparalleled opportunity to those who wish to relieve the suffering, comfort the afflicted and through tactful leadership to improve the health and increase the happiness of entire communities, and that emphasis be placed on the fact that the traditional fear of contagion in nursing tuberculosis patients is unwarranted and not supported by the facts of experience covering many years."

A similar resolution was adopted by physicians and will be forwarded to different medical schools throughout the country, asking that future medical students be given practical experience in the treatment of tuberculous patients.